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Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(4-15 December 1995)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 December 1995

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Review of Chapter 12 and of the multimodal tank tables
4. Reformatting of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
5. Review of Chapter 15 (Dangerous goods in limited quantities)
6. ISO work on standards for gas cylinders and quality assurance
7. Routine listing and classification
8. Packagings and Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs)
9. Infectious substances

10. Implementation of Agenda 21

    (a) General

    (b) Harmonized classification criteria for reactive substances

    (c) Harmonized classification criteria for flammable substances

    (d) Harmonized classification criteria for toxicity

    (e) Harmonized classification criteria for corrosivity

    (f) Harmonized classification criteria for danger to the environment

    (g) Labelling and hazard communication systems

    (h) Hazardous wastes

    (i) Other matters

11. Relations with other organizations

12. Other business

13. Adoption of the report

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Note 1: All proposals should be received by the secretariat at the latest by 22 September 1995.

Note 2: Submissions should be concise and as short as possible; they should include a justification. The number of proposals in a single document should be limited; they should all relate to the same subject under one agenda item.

Note 3: A provisional timetable is reproduced in the annex hereto.

Note 4: The following working groups should meet during the session :

Item 3: Working Group on Multimodal Tanks

Item 10 (b): Working Group on the harmonization of classification criteria for reactive substances

Item 10 (c): Working Group on the harmonization of classification criteria for flammable substances

The two working groups on the harmonization of classification criteria will be convened in accordance with the decisions taken by the Committee at its eighteenth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/21, paras. 144 to 154) i.e. in the context of global harmonization of classification of criteria, cooperation with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Inter-Organization Program on Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). Therefore these groups should be composed of experts familiar with transport legislation and other relevant legislations (work safety, environment, consumer protection).

The Working Group on Multimodal Tanks will meet separately room during the first week.

The working groups on the harmonization of classification criteria will meet in the Plenary room with interpretation during the second week, i.e. there will be no plenary session when these working groups on harmonization meet.

Note 5: An annotated agenda will be circulated at a later stage on the basis of proposals received by 22 September 1995.

Note 6 The following documents were carried forward from the tenth session of the Sub-Committee to the eleventh session of the Sub-Committee:

ST/SG/AC.10/R.472, -/R.473, -/R.493, -/R.590, /R.591;
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.552, -/C.3/R.570, -/C.3/R.608, -/C.3/R.610, -/C.3/R.616, -/C.3/R.617, -/C.3/R.618, -/C.3/R.621, -/C.3/R.624, -/C.3/R.635, -/C.3/R.642, -/C.3/R.645

For reasons of economy, and as certain of these documents are background documents, delegates are kindly asked to bring their copies to the meeting and not to request additional copies.

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(Eleventh session,
Geneva, 4-15 December 1995)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION

Addendum 1

List of documents and annotations

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/21 and -/Add.1	Agenda and list of documents
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/21	Provisional timetable

Background documents (Secretariat):

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20, -/Add.1 and -/Add.2	Report of the Sub-Committee on its tenth session

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. L. Grainger (United Kingdom) and Mr. J. Monteith (Canada) have already been elected respectively Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and of the Sub-Committee for the biennium 1995-1996, during the eighteenth session of the Committee (ST/SG/AC.10/21, para. 197)

3. REVIEW OF CHAPTER 12 AND OF THE MULTIMODAL TANK TABLES

Background documents:

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.595 and -/Add.1 (United States)	Report of the Working Group on Multimodal Portable Tanks during the 18th session of the Committee
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.570 and -/R.629 (IMO)	Report of the IMO Working Group on Portable Tanks
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20, paras 14 to 33	Report of the Sub-Committee on its tenth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20/Add.1	Report of the Working Group on Multimodal Portable Tanks (Session held during the tenth session of the Sub-Committee)

New documents or documents carried forward

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.608 (Belgium)	Methylal
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.591 and -/R.618 (United States)	Assigning portable tank requirements to substances of classes 3 to 9
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.621 (United States)	Minimum thickness for portable tanks
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.624 (Germany)	Degree of filling for tanks

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.645 (Secretariat)	Application by the European Portable Tank Association for consultative status
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.655 (Argentina)	Comments on the report of the Working Group on portable tanks
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.671 (Canada)	Design temperature of multimodal tanks
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.689 (Germany)	Explosion pressure proof design
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.690 (Germany)	Reference mild steel
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.692 (Belgium)	Comments on the draft revised Chapter 12
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.693 (Belgium)	New proposals

NOTE: The issues to be addressed by the Sub-Committee during the first day of the session are summarized as follows:

(1) Alternate arrangements, as noted in ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.595;

(2) Use of tank types in the Recommendations;

(3) Paragraph 12.19.1 and the necessity to identify substances or group of substances on the design approval certificate;

(4) Rationalized approach for the assignment of substances to the tank table (-/C.3/R.618);

(5) 4g impact test in paragraph 12.19.2.1;

(6) Lower volume limit for portable tanks intended to transport pressure liquefied gases (450 litres or 1000 litres) in paragraph 12.24.2; and

(7) Introduction of explosion pressure proof tanks in paragraph 12.3.10.

The Working Group on Multimodal Portable Tanks should meet from 4 to 8 December 1995.

4. REFORMATTING OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Background documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20, paras 115 to 157	Report of the Sub-Committee on its 10th session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.625	Report of the Working Group on reformatting the Recommendations (Geneva, 30-31 March 1995)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.596 (HMAC)	Principles for reformatting

New documents

The representative of HMAC offered to prepare a new consolidated text in accordance with the Sub-Committee's decisions. The following new documents have been received:

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.658 (Argentina)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.662 (Belgium)

5. REVIEW OF CHAPTER 15 (DANGEROUS GOODS IN LIMITED QUANTITIES)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.669 (United Kingdom)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.679 (Italy)

6. ISO WORK ON STANDARDS FOR GAS CYLINDERS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

No proposal has been submitted.

7. ROUTINE LISTING AND CLASSIFICATION

Classification of pesticides

ST/SG/AC.10/R.471 (Secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.670 (Germany)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.687 (United States)

Other proposals

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.640 (CEFIC)	Tank transport of organometallic water reactive compounds
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.642 (United States)	Proper shipping names for radioactive material
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.643 (United States)	Special provision 216
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.647 (IATA)	Classification of acetic acid
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.649 (ICAO)	Special provision 170
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.650 (ICAO)	Special provision 229
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.651 (United States)	Classification of Vanadium pentoxide, UN 2862
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.652 (ICAO)	Viscous flammable liquids
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.657 (Argentina)	Vegetable carbon

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.660 (Argentina)	Classification based on human experience
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.684 (HMAC)	Class 9
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.685 (Germany)	Xanthates
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.686 (United States)	Zinc ashes
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.694 (United States)	Portable tank assignments for UN 1921, UN 2922, UN 2986, UN 2987, UN 2988
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.695 (United States)	Classification of UN 2666, Ethyl cyanoacetate
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.696 (United States)	Mercaptans
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.697 (United States)	Piperidine

8. PACKAGINGS AND INTERMEDIATE BULK CONTAINERS (IBCs)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.552 (Germany)	Definitions and criteria for the tightness of packages and IBCs
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.656 (Argentina)	Drop test for solids
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.665 (United Kingdom)	Packaging definitions

Plastics drum reconditioning and recycling

ST/SG/AC.10/R.472 (Germany)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.654 (Argentina)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.680 (ICDR)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.681 (ICDR)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.682 (ICDR)

Review of Chapter 16 (IBCs)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.616 (Brazil)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.688 (United States)

9. INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.666 (United Kingdom)	Clinical waste
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.667 (United Kingdom)	Packagings with dry ice
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.668 (United Kingdom)	Diagnosis of specimens

10. IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21

(a) General

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20, paras 158 to 189	Report of the Sub-Committee on its tenth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20/Add.2	Reports of the Working Group on harmonisation of classification criteria (tenth session of the Sub-Committee)
ST/SG/AC.10/R.493 (ILO)	(Report, Ottawa Workshop)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.659 (Argentina)	

(b) Harmonized classification criteria for reactive substances

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20/Add.2, Part.1

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.610/Rev.1 (United Kingdom)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.663 (United Kingdom) (Reactive substances)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.672 (CEFIC) (Screening procedures)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.676 (Germany) (Division 4.3)

(c) Harmonized classification criteria for flammable substances

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/20/Add.2, Part 2

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.617 (Germany)

Flammable liquids

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.648 (Secretariat)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.652 (ICAO)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.674 (Germany)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.677 (Germany)

Flammable gases

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.678 (Germany)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.590 (United States)

Flammable solids

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.675 (Germany)

(d) Harmonized classification criteria for toxicity

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.653 (EC) (Inhalation toxicity)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.691 (Germany) (Inhalation toxicity)

(e) Harmonized classification criteria for corrosivity

No document has been submitted.

(f) Harmonized classification criteria for danger to the environment

ST/SG/AC.10/R.473 (Germany)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.635 (United Kingdom) (Report of the Working Group, London, 2-4 May 1995)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.661 (Argentina)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.664 (United Kingdom)

(g) Labelling and hazard communication systems

No document has been submitted.

(h) Hazardous wastes

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of the 3rd Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Basel Convention (Geneva, 18-22 September 1995)

(i) Other matters

No document has been submitted.

11. RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the activities of other organizations which may be relevant to its work.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.683 (HMAC) Segregation of goods of Class 1

13. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee will adopt the report on its eleventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.